GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4516
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NORTHERN COALFIELDS LIMITED
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details in regard to production, profit /loss and manpower of the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the percentage of other important components in wages, capital cost, power, store and production cost during the said period;

(c) whether the profit has declined due to fall in manpower and wages;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) : The coal production, profit and manpower of Northern Coalfields Limited during thethree years 1998- 99 to 2000-01 are given below ;

	2000-01	1999-2000	1998-99
Coal production (million tonnes)	41.400	38.428	36.518
Profit before tax (Rs. crores)	1025.05	936.87	802.14
Manpower as on 31st March	17166	17242	17193

The firm figures of profit /loss for the year 2001-02 will be available after audit and adoption in the Annual General Meeting of the company.

(b) : The percentages of various cost elements in the production cost during the three years are given below :

Cost elements	2000-01	1999-2000	1998-99
Salary & Wages	15.64	14.85	16.68
Stores	34.78	35.33	35.01
Power	10.25	10.33	10.58
Interest	2.93	2.58	6.43
Depreciation	18.53	18.69	15.32
Other items	17.87	18.22	15.98
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

(c) : There is no decline in the profit in the NCL , in fact, the profit before tax has increased.

(d) & (e) : Do not arise in view of answer given in part (c) of the question.